

## **GREETINGS FROM IG 6**

**FEBRUARY, 2006**

**CAMP LIBERTY, IRAQ**

Greetings from Iraq and Camp Liberty,

Let me start by saying that your efforts during our deployment from Fort Hood were incredible. Deployments are tough, especially so, during the holiday season, but your caring and support for your troopers ensured that they remained focused on their tasks in preparation for this mission. I truly appreciate everything that the spouses and families of the Fires Brigade Family Readiness Groups do for both the unit and one another. Your teamwork on the home front is a constant that ensures the troopers here focus on their assigned missions.

Command Sgt. Major Canuela and I are constantly impressed with the discipline and professionalism that the troopers of the Fires Brigade have displayed over the past two months. Our arrival and training in Kuwait was rigorous and conducted without injury or loss of equipment as we quickly prepared to move north into Iraq. While in Kuwait, the Brigade re-enlisted over 80 Soldiers, a direct reflection of the trooper's selfless service to our nation in this time of war. Most of the Brigade was at their final destination, but many were moving over Christmas Day however, wherever they were, all Soldiers enjoyed a healthy dinner with all of the fixings. Once settled into our Forward Operating Bases, we have settled into our daily rhythm of missions that run from operating radars, fixing equipment, running combat logistics patrols and standing ready to shoot MLRS missiles or rockets. While meeting these challenges our troopers – your Soldiers – remain vigilant and ready to accomplish any additional mission that might come their way and I want you to know that each and every one of them make me proud.

I want to thank all of the families, friends and spouses of the Fires Brigade for your continuing support to one another, our brigade and our nation during this deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Having your troopers deployed and families separated is challenging and the Chain of Command here in Iraq - supported by our team at Fort Hood, lead by LTC Paul Hossenlopp, stand ready to work with you as we face the challenges of the future.